

REMARKS:Status

After this response, claims 4 to 12, 14 to 17, 35 to 58, 60 to 68, and 70 to 97 are pending. Claims 4, 5, 14, 60, 61 and 70 have been amended, and claims 13 and 69 have been cancelled herein. Claims 4, 5, 35, 50, 58, 60, 61, 74, 89 and 97 are the independent ones of the pending claims. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Double Patenting

Claims 4 to 17, 35 to 58, and 60 to 73 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1 to 13 of U.S. Patent No. 6,654,384. In response, Applicants' representative is filing herewith a Terminal Disclaimer over U.S. Patent No. 6,654,384, which is commonly owned with this application. Accordingly, withdrawal of the double patenting rejection is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Initially, Applicants acknowledge the indication that claims 35 to 58 and 74 to 97 are allowed. Applicants also acknowledge the indication that claims 5, 13, 14, 61, 69 and 70 recite allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of their base claims and any intervening claims. Claims 5 and 61 have been so amended.

With respect to claims 13 and 69, claim 4 has been amended to recite the subject matter of claim 13, and claim 60 has been amended to recite the subject matter of claim 69. Claims 13 and 69 have been cancelled, and their dependent claims 14 and 70 have been amended to depend from claims 4 and 60, respectively.

In view of the foregoing, independent claims 4, 5, 35, 50, 58, 60, 61, 74, 89 and 97 are now believed to recite allowable subject matter. Allowance of these claims and their dependent claims is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections

Claims 4, 6 to 13, 15 to 17, 60, 62 to 68, and 71 to 73 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,430,193 (Raissinia). In view of Applicants' amendment of the non-allowed independent claims to recite subject matter that the Office Action indicated was allowable, this rejection is now believed to be moot. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Closing

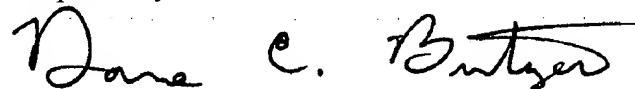
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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